Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon cum Kunnattur*): Sir, we would like to deal with the Education Demand first.

(*The House assented to this proposition.*)

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: I would suggest that the Education Demand and the Demand in respect of the Uplift of Backward Communities be discussed together. Could that be possible?

President: I am entirely in the hands of the House.

(*The House assented to this proposition.*)

President: Both the Director of Public Instruction and the Chief Secretary may move their respective Demands, Nos. 19 & 23.

DEMAND XIX—EDUCATION EXCLUDING TRAVANCORE UNIVERSITY.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 43,14,901 under

DEMAND XIX—EDUCATION EXCLUDING TRAVANCORE UNIVERSITY.

UPLIFT OF BACKWARD COMMUNITIES.

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 47,540 under Demand XXIII—Uplift of Backward Communities.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: I support the motion and in doing so, I wish to make a few suggestions. The first is with regard to the recent circular issued by the Director of Public Instruction about the five eighty-page note books that are to be used by the students. It appears that the Director is insisting on the desirability of acting up to that instruction, and I am at a loss to know the reason for that. Sir, on a reading of the circular, it leads to some misconception. It is, whether the Director intends that only five note books of eighty pages type alone should be used by a student for the whole year, or, is it whether that five note books alone should be seen in the hands of a student at a time? This has been mis-interpreted by many of the teachers. Some teachers say and also insist that for the whole year, a student should be called upon to purchase only five note books of eighty pages. To avoid difficulties, some of them advise students to have only loose sheets in their hands so that they may not be caught hold of by the departmental officers for having more notebooks than prescribed by the circular. I want that point to be made clear by the Director of Public Instruction and what he intends by that circular. So far as I am concerned, I feel that, as the manager of an institution, five note books of eighty pages are quite inadequate for a student. Sir, for Mathematics alone, I find that a boy must have at least a 400 pages notebook for a year.

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